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TAGS: PREF PREL PHUM MOPS RW CG BY TZ UN

SUBJECT: UNHCR PREPAREDNESS FOR POSSIBLE RPF ATTACK IN  
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2. PER REFTEL INSTRUCTIONS, MISOFF MET WITH UNHCR'S COORDINATOR FOR THE RWANDA AND BURUNDI UNIT TO RAISE THE POSSIBILITY OF ATTACKS AGAINST THE CIVILIAN REFUGEE CAMPS IN EASTERN ZAIRE AND TO OBTAIN UNHCR'S VIEWS ON MEASURES IT MIGHT BE CONSIDERING TO PROTECT THE REFUGEES. IN RESPONSE, MAHIGA MADE THE FOLLOWING REMARKS:

-- THE POSSIBILITY OF AN ATTACK HAS BEEN CONSIDERED BY UNHCR. HOWEVER, CONTINGENCY PLANNING HAS FOCUSED EXCLUSIVELY ON THE PROTECTION AND EVACUATION OF HUMANITARIAN WORKERS.

-- THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE PLANNING TO PROTECT THE REFUGEES IN CASE OF ATTACK BECAUSE IT WOULD REQUIRE COORDINATED PLANNING WITH THE ZAIRIAN LOCAL AUTHORITIES (WHO ARE PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAFETY OF REFUGEES) AND THE ZAIRIAN CAMP SECURITY CONTINGENT (ZCSC). RAISING THE ISSUE WITH EITHER GROUP COULD EASILY FUEL TENSIONS BETWEEN ZAIRE AND RWANDA.

-- WHILE UNHCR COULD ATTEMPT TO DEVELOP SOME CONTINGENCY PLANNING ON ITS OWN, THIS WOULD HAVE LITTLE VALUE IN THE ABSENCE OF A COORDINATED APPROACH.

-- IN THE GOMA AREA, THERE HAS BEEN PLANNING FOR THE RAPID MOVEMENT OF CROWDS IN CASE OF A VOLCANO ERUPTION. BUT THIS EXERCISE HAS BEEN SUSPENDED AS THE THREAT HAS  
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RECEDED, AND THE REFUGEES WOULD BECOME VERY SUSPICIOUS  
IF THE DRILLS WERE REINSTATED.

-- IN LIGHT OF U.S. CONCERNS, UNHCR WILL REVIEW THE THREAT AND POSSIBLE OPTIONS. SPIEGEL

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